

מדינת ישראל

משרד ראש הממשלה

גנזך המדינה
Finance

סמל, 

תלמידי הוואיטלס

Accommodation - Purchase of Old Serai by

Tulkarm Municipality

1946 - 1945

סמל, 

סמל, 

Sh/62/7/3

מדינת ישראל
גנזך המדינה



Accommodation - Purchase of the

שם:

מ - 193/2

2.6/1 - 3195

02-112-04-06-10

20/02/2008

מזהה פיזה:

מזהה לוגי:

כתובת:

מ

ארץ ישראל
ממשלת המנדט

מחלקה  תלמידי הוואיטלס

CONFIDENTIAL

HIGH COMMISSIONER

FOR

TRANS-JORDAN

SUBJECT:

Recommendation

Purchase of the Old Jerusalem

CONNECTED FILES

NUMBER AND YEAR

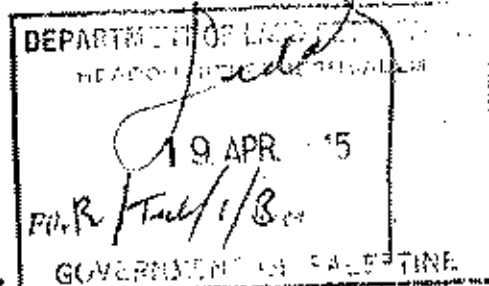
SUBJECT

129-10

193-10

(2) D.L.S.

File (1) your comments could be appreciated.



(3) Chief Secretary.

Ever since it was decided that this property was not suitable for Government offices and the Tegart building was erected I have been in favour of disposing of it to the Municipal Corporation of Tulkarm since it is in a suitable position and should make admirable municipal offices.

2. I am, however, extremely doubtful, so long as any part of the building is used for Government purposes, if it would be advisable to dispose of the property and recommend that the sale be deferred until no part of it is any longer required by Government.

3. As regards the price, in principle I doubt the soundness of reducing the price to anything below a reasonable value and I know of no precedent for this.

4. The principles so far laid down by Government have been that State properties handed over for municipal purposes should be paid for at a reasonable price, omitting any speculative value. The exceptions are:

- (a) where land is used as a public open space when a free grant under a trust deed is usually entered into; and
- (b) where it is used for a public purpose, such as a market, where the land is not developed to its maximum capacity, when a reduction in the price has precedents.

Samuel Barnett
DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF LAND SETTLEMENT.

26th April, 1945.
(R/Tul/1(3)).

P.

(4) A.D.S.

File (1) submitted with File (3). As recommended by the D.L.S. in para 2-4 of File (3) sale should be deferred until the Government no longer requires any part of the building and the sale price should not be reduced to anything below a reasonable value? D.C. Samaria may be informed accordingly?

Accordingly

1.5.45.

(5) Atty. D.F.

Re: (4). 1 letter sp. in face if offered.

7.5.45

(6) To D.C. MacKillop - 9.5.45

(7) To D.C. Samaria - 15.5.45.
Copy to D.L.S.

(8) D.C. Samaria D. - 1072 - 20.6.45

(9) Mr. Livi

? Agree to proceed at 8 (para 6).

Issue F.A. of £2500 for a loan.

22.6.45.

10. Please now proceed I.A.W. Sec. 81 of the Municipal
Corporations Ordinance 2.9.

(i) Decision of H.C. in Ex. Co. is required

(ii) Order under Sec. 81 is required

and then only can a loan be issued.

23.6.45.

(10) To D.C. Samaria - 28.6.45.

(11) D.C. Samaria D. - 1072 - 4.7.45

(12) Check to Ex. Co.

Folio 12 is referred to you for signature, etc.

9.7.45.

(13) Atty. Sam.

Is approval of H.C. alone
sufficient or is that of H.C. in
Council sufficient? I think the latter.

If I am right may the Ex. Co. submission

B.M. 12.5.45-6

P.A.
10/5

B.M. with Ord. Co.
25.6.45.

Pub.
Pl. prepare
Ex. Co. slip
26.6.45.

Rev. (1)

be amended.

14) Clerk to Ex. Co

Reference your minute a (14) a retyped Ex. Co
slip at folio (12A) is submitted please

11.7.45

(15.) Folio (12A) seq.

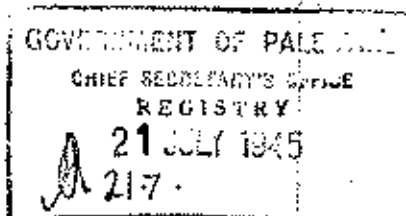
16) A.G.

Reference folio (12A), I am to request you
to furnish me with the necessary orders
for publication in the Gazette.

17.7.45 J. M.C.S.

187 (17) C.S.

Herewith



A/AG

21

7

24

23.7.45

18) Clerk to Ex. Co

Reference folio (12A) folio (17A) is referred
to you for signature, please.

23.7.45

(19) Folio (17A) seq.

20) Gazette Clerk

P.L. publish folio (17A) in the next
issue of the Gazette

23.7.45

(21)

G.S.O. 80.

OPP. 21800-10000-11.12.44

1428

26.7.45

5

(22) Musa Eff.

W.r. t. fol. (8) I submit en face a draft letter for your cons. ? request Accts. Clerk to prepare F.A., please.

27.7.45. Cell 26/7

(23) F.A. no (136) issued - 10.8.45

(24) To D.C. Samaria with F.A. no (136) issued - 11.8.45 Letter en face

(25) Rem under sent to D.C. Samaria - 12.9.45

Mr. Nasir
Mr. Durrani
J.S. fol.
12/10/45

(26) A/D.C. Samaria - 1072 - 17.9.45

27) Musa Eff.

Folio (26920A) are submitted.
Before folio (269) is referred to H.S. for initialling.
Para (3) of folio (269) is submitted for consent.
as H.S. in ex. Co. approved the loan, vide folio (130)
payable in equal half-yearly instalments, and
not yearly instalments as approved by H.S.C.
Sabraria vide folio (269) pt. 10.9.

B.D. 28.8.45-24
B.D. 2.9.45

(28) No objection to the change.

25.9.45

29) A.G.

Folio (269) is referred to you for signature of initialling if in order, please.

25.9.45

(30) C.S.

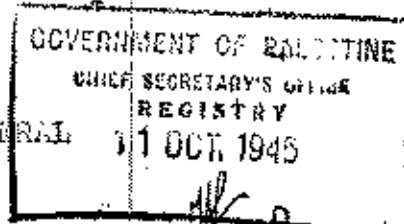
I have crossed out Schedule C and reference thereto in clause 2(c) of the Agreement, which is irrelevant in this case.

I have also deleted drafting instructions which erroneously crept up in Schedule 'A'.

Subject to that the Agreement is in order and I have initialled as requested.

11 October, 1945.

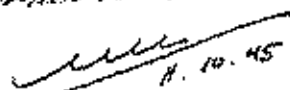
ATTORNEY GENERAL



Agreement at Jolo (361) duly initialed
by the Law Officer vide minute (30) is submitted
for signature of approver

The grant of the loan to the Tal-Kharri
Municipality was approved by the C.M.G.
in council, vide Jolo (281) for the purchase
of the old Serai building in Tal-Kharri.


11/10.


11.10.45

(31) To D.C. Samaria with encl. - 18.10.45.

(32) A/D.L.S. ————— 11.12.45.

(33) Musa Es.

13/12

Jolo (32) submitted for your info this -
and copy of (31) to D/L. Settlement (drafting
letter as per pt.)

(34) D.L.S. —————

(35) D.L.R. —————

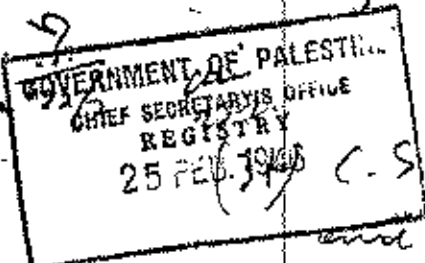
20.2.46.

(36) A.S.

I shall be grateful if you will
kindly 'ret' the Deed of Grant behind
fol. (35) and initial it if it is in order.



L.B.S. 23/2.



26.2

C.S.
Deed of Grant attached to fol (35) ret'd
and initialed. 25/2

(38) P.S.

Deed of Grant at fol (35^a), initialled by the L.O.O., is submitted for signature by His Excellency, in duplicate.

2. Authority for this transaction was given in fol (7) herein.

3. Kindly to witness.

39) Signed and witnessed

W.B. 7/3

28/3
28/3 4/3

3
2/3

(40) H. D. L. R. with L.C. 11.3.46

P.A.

41) D. C. Samaria ——— 9/54 ——— 18.3.46

(42) Mr. Brown

7. (41a) is to be submitted for H.E.'s information, pl.

27 20/3

(43) G.S.

Folios 41 and 41a are submitted in view that you may desire to convey to H.E. the gratitude expressed by the Municipal Commission of Tulkarm under Folio 41a.

28/3 21/3

(44)

Y.E.

Folio 41A fio

A bouquet in place of a brickbat, for once.

(45)

Tulkarm is being well done by, for I was able to persuade the soldiers to give them back their secondary school

21.3.46

M. 24
3
26

25/3

PA

L. 11.10.45

N. 13.12.45

H. Thwaites

7/5/46

N. 13.1.46

F/LB/14/15/45. 15.1.46.

Br. 22.2.46.

A. 23.2.46

Br. 26.2.46

Brown 20/3/46

at F/LB 10/15/46 1.6.46

FILE/29/45

Acct. for Purchase of the Old Service Truck from Birmingham

As. 18.4.45

DLS. 18.4

BL 20.4.45

B. 12.5.45

BC 22.6.45

A.G. 18.7.

Bl - 21.7.45

Ex. Co. 23.7.45

Gazette Clerk 24.7.45

BL 25/4/45

N. 11.9.45

Bot. 20/9

A.G. 26.9.45

(41)

GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

(Chief Clerk)

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S OFFICES,

No.

Q/54

20 MAR. 1946

SAMARIA DISTRICT,

F/LG/29/45

NABLUS.

JERUSALEM

18th March, 1946

Chief Secretary

(18)

With reference to the correspondence ending with my letter No.1072 dated the 20th June, 1945, regarding the sale of the Old Serai to the Municipality of Tulkarm I have the honour to submit, in original and in translation, a letter of thanks addressed to the High Commissioner by the Mayor on the occasion of the registration of this building into the name of the Municipality.

Huss
Ag. DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
SAMARIA DISTRICT

Translation.

Municipality of Tulkarm

No. 14/1

Date 28.2.46.

His Excellency the High Commissioner,
Jerusalem.

Thro' Asst. Dist. Commissioner, Tulkarm.

As the registration of the Old Serai in Tulkarm in the name of the Municipal Commission of Tulkarm has now been completed, the Municipal Commission considers it its duty and a great pleasure to record, in the name of Tulkarm Town, its gratitude to Your Excellency for your kindness in approving this registration.

In fulfilment of the resolution of the Municipal Commission I have the honour to address this letter to Your Excellency expressing therein the gratitude of the Municipal Commission and that of Tulkarm Town as well as my own.

Accept our deepest respects.

(Sgd) Hashim Jayousi

Chairman,

Municipal Commission of Tulkarm.

JS/AT

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بلمية طولكرم

صندوق البريد رقم ٩

التلغون رقم ١٥

الرجاء ان تذكروا عند الاحاطة
رقم ١٤/٢

طولكرم في ٢٨/٤/١٩٢٦

فخامة المندوب السامي المحترم - القدس
بواسطة سعادة مساعد حاكم لواء طولكرم المحترم

مباني قد تم تسجيل عمارة السرايا القديمة في طولكرم باسم
لمدية طولكرم فاعلى المجلس البلدي اياها من واجبه ومنه دعا على سروره تسجيل
الشتر باسم مدنية طولكرم لغرض تم لمطقتهم السامي وموافقكم على هذا
الاستجد . وفي هذا لقرار المجلس البلدي اشرف بتقديم هذه الرسالة
لدعير فيلا عتيقري شكر المجلس البلدي ومدنية طولكرم لغرض تم
وتفضلوا يا صاحب الفخامة بقبول جزيل احترامى

هذا الجبى
يحيى خنية لمدية طولكرم

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F/LG/29/45

// March, 1946

Director of Land Registration.

I

(35)

I am directed to refer to your letter no.LD.63/14/2-1392, of the 2nd February 1946 on the subject of Disposal of State Domain - Old Serai - R/Tul/1(3) and to return herewith the Deed of Grant in duplicate, duly signed by His Excellency witnessed and embossed with the Public Seal.

I

/s/d. S. G. Brown
CHIEF SECRET. RY.

LD. 63/1472 - 1392

(75)

DIRECTOR OF LAND REGISTRATION
C. S. O. P.O.B. 190,
JERUSALEM JERUSALEM.

22 FEB. 1946 February, 1946.

Chief Secretary. CERTIFIED OFFICIAL

Subject :- Disposal of State Domain -
Old Serai - R/Tul/1(3)

Reference:- Your letter No. F/LG/29/45 of
15.5.45 to the Municipal
Corporation of Tulkarm.
D. C. Samaria

(354)

(7)

I enclose herewith a Deed of Grant,
in duplicate, for signature by His Excellency
the High Commissioner and sealing by the Public
Seal of Palestine.

DIRECTOR OF LAND REGISTRATION.

B.

F/LG/29/45.

20 December, 1945.

Director,
Department of Land Settlement.

I am directed to refer to your letter No. R/Tul/1(3) dated 11th December 1945, on the subject of the purchase of the old Serai at Talkarm, and to invite your attention to the order published in Palestine Gazette no. 1426 dated 26.7.45.

2. The terms and conditions of the agreement referred to in the order have already been approved.

CHIEF SECRETARY.

Drafted by Mr. Nasir		Approved by MB.	
Received in 17.12.45.		Typed by on 17.12.45.	

GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE.

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IN REPLY, PLEASE QUOTE

NO. R/Tul/1(3).

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE

(Ministry of) DEPT. OF LAND SETTLEMENT.

JERUSALEM.

189 - TEL. 4497.

13 L.L. 10-15 P.O.B.

F/LG/29/45

11th December, 1945.

JERUSALEM.

Chief Secretary.

Subject : Sale of State Domain - Old
Sari - R/Tul/1(3).

In his letter No.1072 dated 5th December, 1945, the Acting District Commissioner, Samaria District, informs me that, in reply to his letter No.1072 of 20th June, 1945, to you, Government has approved the sale of the above mentioned State Domain to the Municipal Corporation of Tulkarm. To enable me to apply to the Director of Land Registration to effect the transfer of the property I shall be obliged if you will let me have a copy of the letter of approval.

[Signature]
Actg. DIRECTOR.

Copy to: District Commissioner, Samaria,
who is kindly requested to let me
know the date and receipt voucher
number under which payment is made
by the Corporation.

WT.

31

F/LG/29/45

18 October, 1945.

District Commissioner
Samaria District.

26

I am directed to refer to your letter No.1072 dated 17th September, 1945, on the subject of the purchase of the Old Serai at Tulkarm by the Municipality of Tulkarm, and to return herewith the agreement duly approved and signed.

26A

CHIEF SECRETARY.

Onk G. D.

Mr. Mushahwar

13.10.45.

P.S.

14.10.45.

✓
GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE
(Chief Clerk)

(26)

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. 1072

26 SEP 1945	
DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE. SAMARIA DISTRICT. NABLUS.	
JERUSALEM	

17th September, 1945.

Chief Secretary.

I Purchase of the Old Serai Tulkarm
by The Municipal Commission, Tulkarm.

(24) Your F/LG/29/45 of 11th August, 45.

(26a) I have the honour to submit herewith for approval a loan agreement, in triplicate, in respect of a loan of LP.2,500 to the Municipality of Tulkarm repayable in equal yearly instalments over fifteen years commencing on the 1st October, 1946 and bearing interest at 3 1/2 % p.a. for the purchase of the old Serai building at Tulkarm.

2. The agreement has been drawn on the lines indicated in your letter F/LG/32/45 of 10.4.1945.

(39) 18/12/45
The terms of repayment are based on yearly instalments instead of half yearly ones as the Commission proposed it. Although this is not exactly in accordance with the terms of the first paragraph of your letter under reference, I trust it is in order.

Thurs
Ag. DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

TRE.

SCHEDULE 'B'

Yearly equal instalments on loan of LP. 2500

Date of Payment	Payment LP. Sh.	Capital LP. Sh.	Interest LP. Sh.
1.10.46	254.167	166.667	87.500
1.10.47	248.334	166.667	81.667
1.10.48	242.502	166.667	75.835
1.10.49	236.668	166.667	70.001
1.10.50	230.836	166.667	64.169
1.10.51	225.002	166.667	58.335
1.10.52	219.169	166.667	52.502
1.10.53	213.367	166.667	46.700
1.10.54	207.503	166.667	40.836
1.10.55	201.671	166.667	35.004
1.10.56	195.836	166.666	29.170
1.10.57	190.003	166.666	23.337
1.10.58	184.171	166.666	17.505
1.10.59	178.333	166.666	11.667
1.10.60	172.499	166.666	5.833
	3200.061	2500.000	700.061

SCHEDULE 'C'

~~Existing prior charges referred to in clause 2(c) of this Agreement:~~

Name of Company or Person	Amount of loan	Rate of interest of loan	Rate of interest per annum	Manner of redemption of loan	Date of maturity of loan.
Tulkarm Municipal Commission.	2500	15 years	3 1/2%	Yearly instalments	4.10.46

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have set their hands this 1st day of September, 1945.

For and on behalf of
the Municipal Council-Commission
of Tulkarm.

H. Jayaraj
Chairman
Municipal Commission



In the presence of

- 1) *[Signature]*
- 2) *[Signature]*

Councillor

Councillor

For and on behalf of the
Government of Palestine

[Signature]
Acting District Commissioner,
Samaria District.

In the presence of

Approved

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND,
(Sgd.) J. V. W. SPACK
CHIEF SECRETARY.

Copy to
Mr. Sifri

(2)
P.S.

28.7.45.

29.7.45.

F/LG/29/45

H August-
July, 1945.

District Commissioner,
Samarina District.

(8) I am directed to refer to your letter No.1072 dated 20th June 1945, on the subject of the sale of the Old Serai at Tulkarm, and to inform you that His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government in Council has approved your recommendation to issue a loan of £P.2,500 to the Municipality of Tulkarm repayable in equal half-yearly instalments over fifteen years commencing six months from the date of payment of the loan and bearing interest at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum for the purchase of the Old Serai building at Tulkarm.

2. An order authorising the loan was published in Palestine Gazette No.1426 of the 26th July, 1945. (21/

3. I forward herewith a financial allocation in the sum of £P.2,500 and request you to submit in triplicate a loan agreement in respect of this sum.

ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY.

**GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE.
FINANCIAL ALLOCATION.**

No. **136.**

(To be numbered serially
by Issuing Department)

To whom issued **District Commissioner Samaria District Station Nablus.**

To provide for necessary services during **1945/46.**

GPP. H432-10,660-4-11-45 2815/5.

(1) Item in Es- timates	(2) Head & Sub-Head of Expenditure	(3) Last Allocation made in re- spect of this Sub-Head under F.A. No.	(4) Amount of Present Allocation		(5) Total Amount of all Alloca- tions under the Sub-Head to-date		(6) Total Amount Provided in- cluding Special Warrants (if any)
			L.P.	Mils	L.P.	Mils	L.P.
	XLI-Loans from Public Fund.						
1	Loans to Local Authorities.	131	25 00	=	4000	=	100,000
	To meet expenditure on account ^{the purchase} of the value of the Old Serai at Tulkarm vide D.C's letter no.1078 of 20/7/45 in file F/10/29/45.						
1	RETURN TO BE SUBMITTED TO THIS OFFICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH F.R. 39.						

Column 4 should show the present allocation to the individual.

Column 5 and 6 should show totals in relation to the Sub-Head shown in the Estimates.

Date **August, 1945.**

To **Accounts Section Secretariat.**

(Sd/-) **FINANCIAL SECRETARY.**
Head of Department

NOTE:—A copy of this Financial Allocation must be sent to the Treasury and to the Sub-Accountant at the Station at which operative.

 MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS ORDINANCE, 1934.

ORDER BY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERN-
MENT UNDER SECTION 81.

I, 1
of 1934.

IN EXERCISE of the powers vested in
the High Commissioner by section 81 of the
Municipal Corporations Ordinance, 1934, the
Officer Administering the Government in
Council has ordered, and it is hereby order-
ed, as follows:-

Citation. 1. This Order may be cited as the Tul-
karm Municipal Commission (Authorisation of
Loan) Order in Council, 1945.

Power to 2. It shall be lawful for the Tulkarm
Tulkarm Municipal Commission to contract a loan of
Municipal an amount not exceeding two thousand and
Commission five hundred pounds from the Government of
to con- Palästine, for the purchase of the old
tract a Serai building in Tulkarm, subject to the
loan. terms and conditions of the agreement of
such loan being approved by the Officer
Administering the Government.

I


Clerk to the Executive Council.

23 July, 1945.

(F/LG/29/45)

The question for consideration is set out on the reverse

11 July 1945.

Clerk to the Executive Council

OPINIONS

J. H. H. Pollock, Esq., O.B.E.

I advise that a loan of £2,500 at 3½%
for 10 years be granted to Tordharm Municipal
Commission.

12 July 1945
Col. Sir George W. Hearn, C.M.G., O.B.E., D.S.O.

Financial Secretary

Yes
13/7/45

Attorney General

Yes
14/7/45

Chief Secretary

Yes
16/7

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

Decision of the ~~Executive Council~~

as advised.

OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT,

~~EXECUTIVE COUNCIL~~

CIRCULATED FOR WRITTEN OPINIONS

QUESTION

Should His Excellency-in-Council be advised to approve a loan under section 81 of the Municipal Corporations Ordinance to the Tulkarm Municipal Council of LP 2,500, bearing interest at 3½ per cent per annum and repayable in equal half yearly instalments over 15 years for the purchase of the old Serai building in Tulkarm.

The recommendations of the District Commissioner, Samaria, are at folios (1) and (8).

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE ✓

GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE

6 JUL 1945

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S OFFICES,
SAMARIA DISTRICT,
NABLUS.

JERUSALEM

Gen. 12. A (11)

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. 1072

4th July, 1945.

Chief Secretary. ✓

Purchase of the Old Sarai Tulkarm by
the Municipal Commission, Tulkarm. (10)

Your F/LG/29/45 of 28th June, 1945.

(11a-11b) I enclose herewith the required copy together
with an English translation.

W. J. A. Lington

1 DISTRICT COMMISSIONER,
SAMARIA DISTRICT.

IA.

GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE

(11a)

ASST. DIST. COMMISSIONER'S OFFICES,
TULKARM.

No. 1210

4/6/45.

S E C R E T

Chairman,
Municipal Commission,
Tulkarm.

Subject: Purchase of the Old Sarai, Tulkarm
by the Municipal Commission, Tulkarm.

The Government offers you the old sarai at LP.5000. If the sale is consumated you will have the right to take rentals from all the Government Departments in the building on the basis of area in square metres. Also the reasonable expansion which may effect these departments will be taken into consideration.

2. If you accept this offer the Government is prepared to loan you up to half the sale price at $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ interest repayable in 15 years. Please send me your decision.

(Sgd.) J. Somerville

ASST. DIST. COMMISSIONER,
TULKARM.

سري

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الرقم : ١٩٤٥/٦/٢

سعادة شيخ لجنة بلدية طوبكم الجوار

الموضوع : شراء اسرايا القديم بديل لجنة بلدية طوبكم الجوار

تعرض لبلدية طوبكم الجوار باني اسرايا القديم ببلغ خمسة آلاف جنيه مملوكة على

انه اذا تم بيعهم جهة استعمار ايجار به عطف لبلدية طوبكم الجوار على ارض
بمساحة الاكثر من اربعه . كما وانه سيؤخذ بعينه ايجار و الحساب التوسعات
المعمولة التي عليه انه تقرأ على هذه الدوائر .

فاد اقررت بالاجابة فانه يملوكة مستعنة انه تقرضهم لغاية نصف المبلغ

لغاية $\frac{1}{2}$ / سنوايه في مدة خمس عشرة سنة . ارجو ان يقرروا
وتنقلوا بقوله فانه بمرحمة

(الأرضيات) ج. سري

سعادة عالم الجوار طوبكم

Mr. [unclear] [unclear]

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28 June, 1945.

District Commissioner,
Samaria District.

I am directed to refer to your letter No.1072 of the 20th June, 1945, on the subject of the sale of the Old Serai at Tulkarm and request you to furnish me with a copy of the letter of the Assistant District Commissioner, Tulkarm referred to in the resolution of the Municipal Council.

ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY.

GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. 1072

Chief Secretary

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE
(Chief Clerk)

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

SAMARIA DISTRICT.

NABLUS.

22 JUN 1945

20th June, 1945

JERUSALEM

Sale of the Old Serai at Tulkarm

Your R/LG/29/45 of 15-5-45.

I have satisfied myself as far as is possible that the sale of the building to the Municipality will not be followed by departmental demands for new accommodation.

2. The Director of Land Settlement has confirmed, in his letter R/Tul/1(3) of 24th May, 1945, that the present value of the property is LP. 5000.

3. The property has therefore been offered to the Municipality at that figure. A translation of the Commission's acceptance of the offer is enclosed. The terms mentioned in the Assistant District Commissioner's letter No. 1210 of 4-6-45 to which the Chairman refers in his letter of acceptance are those set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of your letter under reference.

4. Permanent Departments at present housed in the building can ^{en}expand, if need arises, into the accommodation which is now occupied by price and food control and benzine rationing staff. An option on this accommodation will be obtained.

5. The Commission gratefully accepts the offer of a loan from Government in a sum of LP. 2,500 at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % for fifteen years to meet half the price of purchase.

6. I assume that action should now be taken as follows:-

(a) You supply me with a Financial Allocation in the sum of LP. 2,500 for payment to the Municipal Commission under the usual form of loan agreement.

(b) Upon payment of this sum the Municipal Commission proceeds to pay the sum of LP. 5000 to the Sub-accountant, Tulkarm, the date of this payment being the effective date of sale.

(c) The Director of Land Settlement draws up an agreement of sale between Government and the Municipal Commission.

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- (d) The Chairman of the District Housing Committee proceeds to negotiate the lease from the Municipal Commission of the accommodation required for Government Departments, the rental being determined as required by paragraph 3 of your letter under reference.
- (e) The Municipal Commission takes over the unexpired period of Government's lease to the British Council in respect of the first floor accommodation occupied by the Tulkarm Club.

D. C. Mac Gillivray

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER
SAMARIA DISTRICT

Copy to:- Director of Land Settlement, Jerusalem
Accountant-General, Jerusalem

Translation.

No.4/1
Date 7.6.45

Asst. District Commissioner,
Tulkarm.

Subject:- Purchase of the Old Serai Building
for the Municipal Commission of Tulkarm.
Ref'nce:- Your No.1210 dated the 4.6.1945.

The Municipal Commission of Tulkarm, at its meeting of the 7.6.45, passed a resolution agreeing to the purchase of the Old Serai from Govt. at L.P. 5000 on the terms mentioned in your above letter.

(Sgd) Hashim el Jayyusi
Chairman, Municipal Commission
of Tulkarm.

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F/LQ/29/45.

15 May, 1945.

District Commissioner,
Samarra District.

I am directed to refer to your letter No.1072 of the 14th April and to your subsequent discussion with the Acting Financial Secretary regarding the sale of the Old Serai at Nablus to the Tulkarm Municipal Council.

Tulkarm

2. Provided that you have satisfied yourself as far as is possible that such transfer will not be followed by departmental demands for new accommodation there is no objection to the proposal of sale of the property.

3. Subject to the confirmation of the Director of Land Settlement of the present value of LE 5,000, the property (land and buildings) may be offered to the Council at that figure. From the date of payment of the purchase price a rental should be paid by Government based thereon and related to the cubic capacity (or such other datum) of the space occupied by Government offices.

An option should be obtained to allow for reasonable expansion of permanent departments presently housed in the building.

4. If the Council wish to accept these terms, you may inform the Mayor that Government

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F/LG/29/45

9 May 1945.

DC. (1)
Your letter No.1072 of the
14th April regarding the proposal
to sell the Old Serei building at
Tulkarm to the Municipal Council.

I would like to discuss this
with you on your next visit to
Jerusalem (? 12th May) before a
final decision is taken.

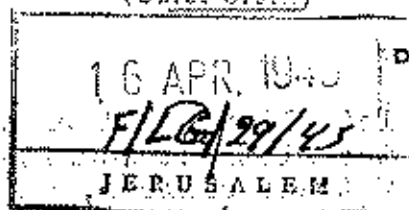
Yours sincerely
(Sgd.) A. W. L. SAVAGE

D. C. MacGillivray, Esq., M.B.E.

GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE.

IN RE. PLEASE QUOTE

No. 1072



DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
SAMARIA DISTRICT,
NABLUS.

14 April, 1945.

CHIEF SECRETARY.

The Municipal Council at Tulkarm has for a long time been accommodated in a very inadequate hired building and they have been anxious to obtain proper municipal offices of their own. The Council therefore suggested two years ago that they be allowed to purchase from Government the Old Serai which had been vacated by the police on the construction of the Wilson Brown building. This proposal was sympathetically considered by my predecessor and by the Director of Land Settlement but, as the building was temporarily required for civil defence purposes, it was not at that time pursued.

2. With the cessation of civil defence activities in this District last year the ground floor of the Old Serai became vacant and it has now been occupied, by arrangement with the Central Housing Committee, by the Municipality on short lease ~~lease~~ agreement. The first floor of the building is still occupied by food and price controls and by benzine rationing staff, by the Forest Ranger, by the Agricultural Inspector and by the Tulkarm Cultural Club (on short lease from Government through the British Council).

3. The Municipality would like to acquire this whole building for the establishment therein permanently of municipal offices. I consider that the Municipality should possess their own municipal building. If they did so they would be likely to spend money on its proper maintenance and improvement and to take a pride in the external appearance and surrounding garden. On account of building costs and control of materials it will be many years, however, before it will be possible for them to construct a sufficiently large and dignified building for the purpose. Moreover, there is no really suitable central site available. The Old Serai, on the other hand, is ideally suited for municipal offices both by location and by external appearance, internal arrangement and size. I therefore strongly support the desire of the Municipality to purchase this building from Government.

4. The Director of Land Settlement has valued the property at £5,000. I recommend that, in view of the public purpose intended, the building be offered for sale to the Municipality at half its present value. The Municipality is able to afford to pay now from its surplus balance this amount of £2,500. I also recommend that the sale should be subject to the following conditions:-

(a) Government Departments will remain in occupation of offices on the first floor of the building rent free up to the end of the financial year.

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DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

SAMARIA DISTRICT

IN REPLY TO

NO. 107

(b) The Municipality shall be obliged to enter into lease agreement with the District Housing Commission for the lease to Government of these offices, at a pre-war rental, from 1.4.46 for as long as they are required by Government.

(c) The Municipality will take over from Government the existing lease of the British Council of the rooms on the top floor which are used by the Cultural Club.

(d) The Municipality, as owner, will be responsible for the proper maintenance of the whole building as from the date of sale.

D. C. Mac Gillivray

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER.

Copy to D.L.S ref his R/Tal/1(3) of 4.4.45

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Purchase of the Old Serai by Tulker Municipality

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